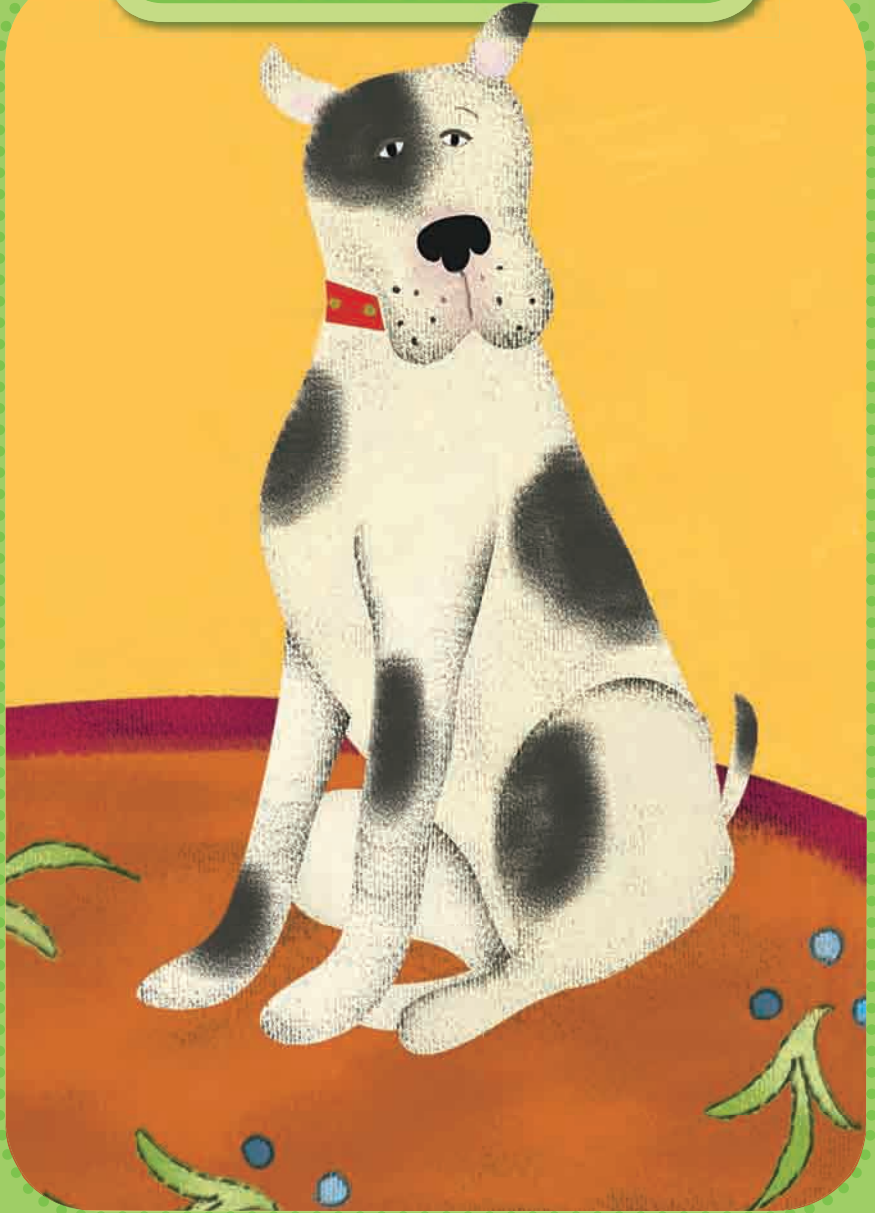


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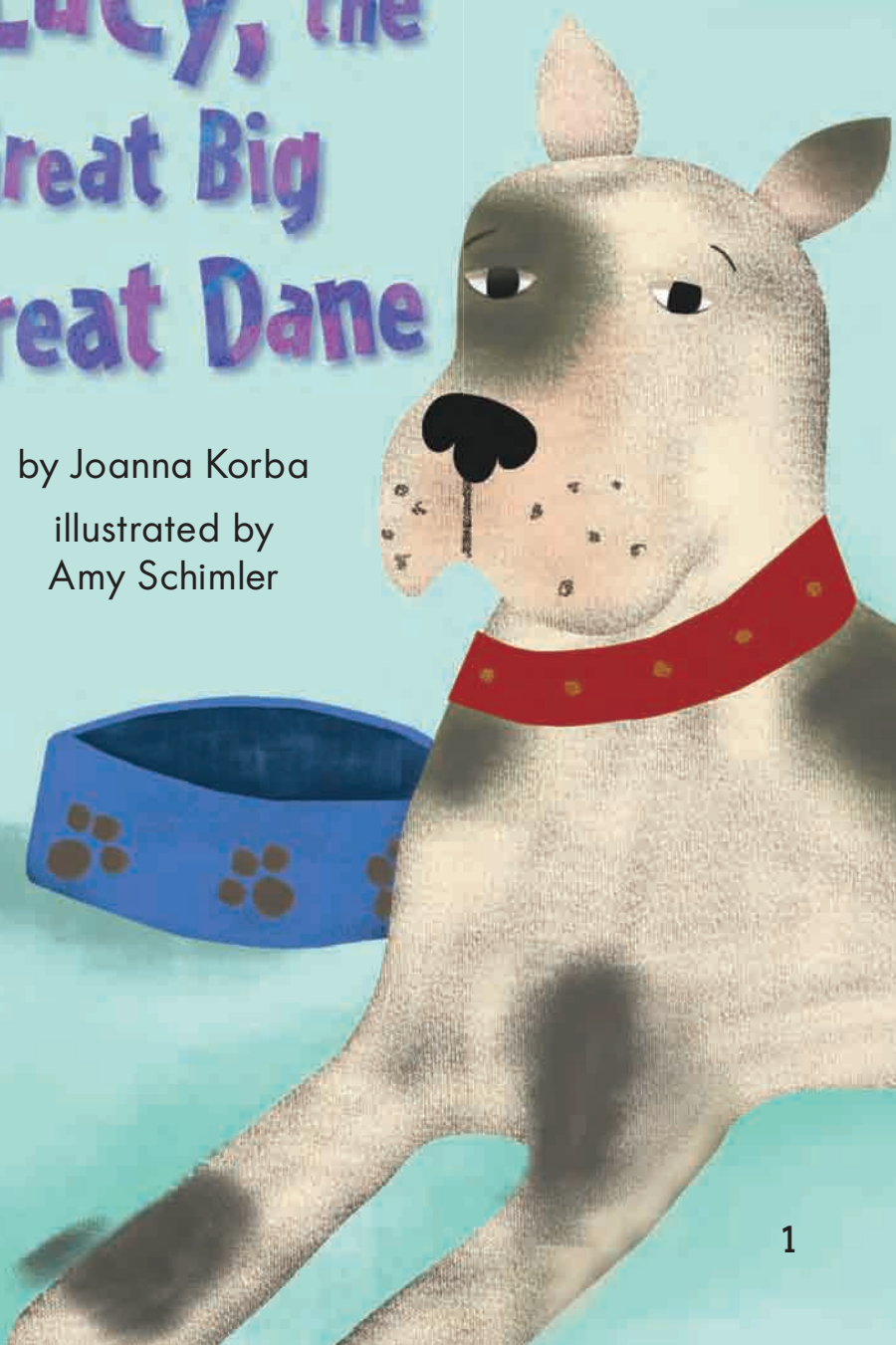
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# LUCY, the Great Big Great Dane

by Joanna Korba

illustrated by  
Amy Schimler





The Breakstones had a dog named Lucy. Lucy was a Great Dane. That meant she was a great big dog.

“Lucy will not play with me,” Jason said.

“Lucy is eight,” Mom replied. “That is old for a dog. She cannot play like she used to.”

Great Granddad snorted. "I am more than eighty," he said. "And I still like to play. Lucy is not too old. She just weighs too much!"

"Maybe you are right, Great Granddad," Mom said. "Maybe Lucy needs to lose weight."

"Great!" shouted the rest of the Breakstones. Lucy just looked up and dropped back to sleep.





The next day, Jason walked Lucy through the neighborhood. He stopped to talk to neighbors as he walked. Lucy kept trying to turn back, but Jason would not let her.







Lucy was worn out when she got home, but she wanted to eat before napping. A bit of food sat in her dish. Lucy gobbled it up and looked around for more.

“That is all for now, my great big girl,” Mom said.



Five days later, Lucy started to look better.  
“Lucy is beginning to look great,” Great  
Granddad said.

Four weeks later, Lucy had lost eight pounds.

“Lucy seems more lively,” Great Granddad said.

That night, it snowed. In the morning, Lucy saw the neighborhood kids playing. She barked to show she wanted to play, too.





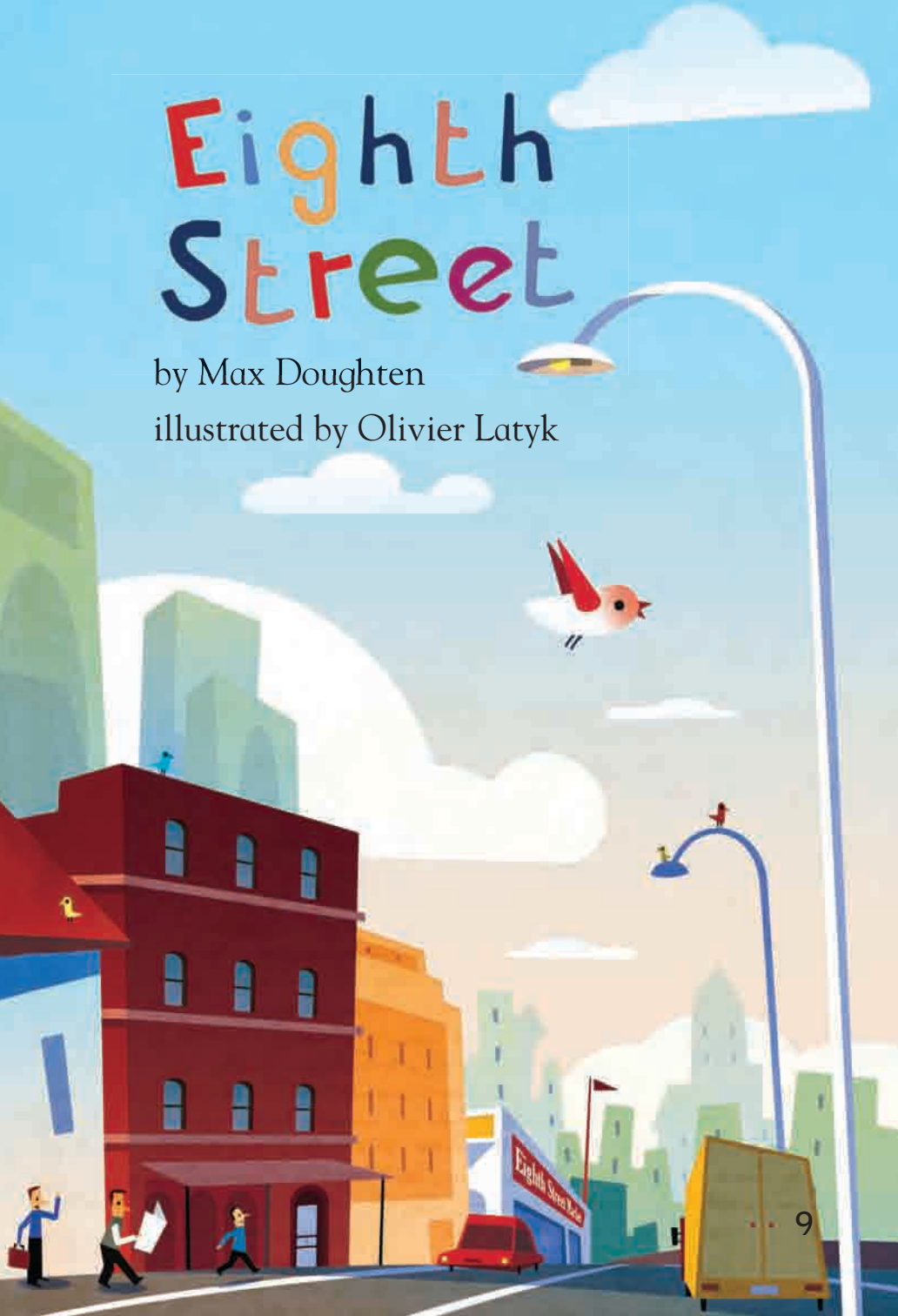
The Breakstones hitched Lucy to a small sleigh. The kids got in. Then Lucy pulled the sleigh around the neighborhood!

“That is not bad for a Great Dane that is eight years old!” Great Granddad said.

# Eighth Street

by Max Doughten

illustrated by Olivier Latyk

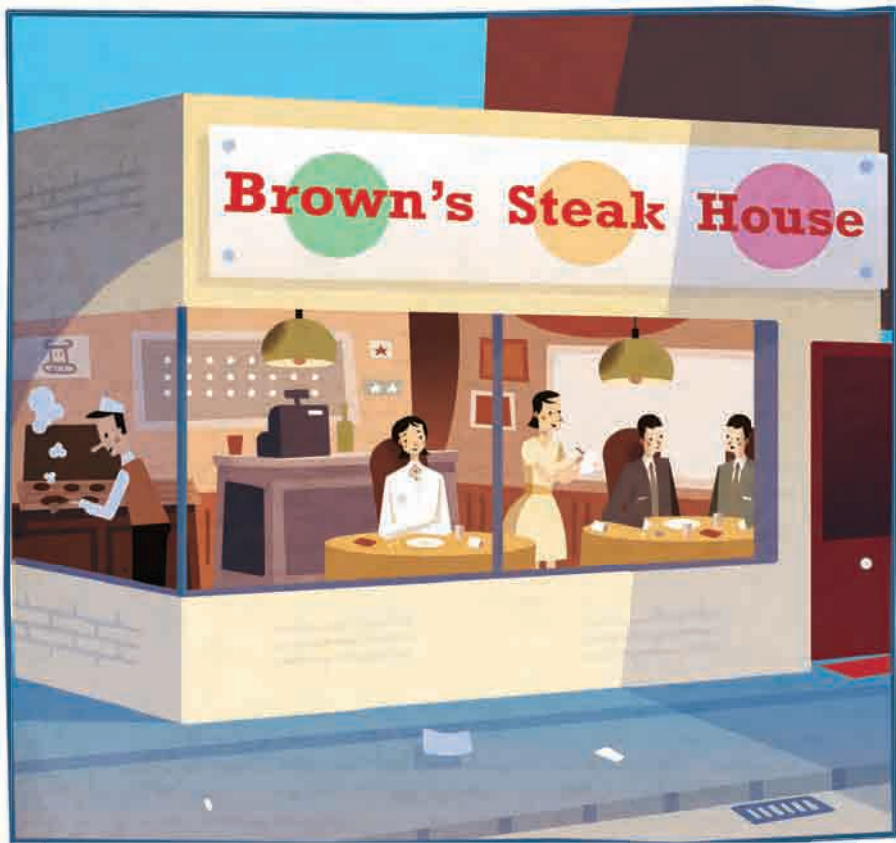




Join us on a tour of this neighborhood.  
This is Eighth Street. It is in a town named  
Great Bay. Lots of buildings line this street.







This is the first building on Eighth Street. It is a great place to eat. It is called Brown's Steak House. You can see steaks sizzling on the grill.

Lots of people eat at Brown's Steak House. All the food is great.



This house is next to Brown's Steak House. Eight people live in it. Four stay on one side, and four stay on the other side.

This girl has a great big dog named Jake. All the neighbors like Jake. They like petting him when he walks down Eighth Street. Jake is the neighborhood dog!



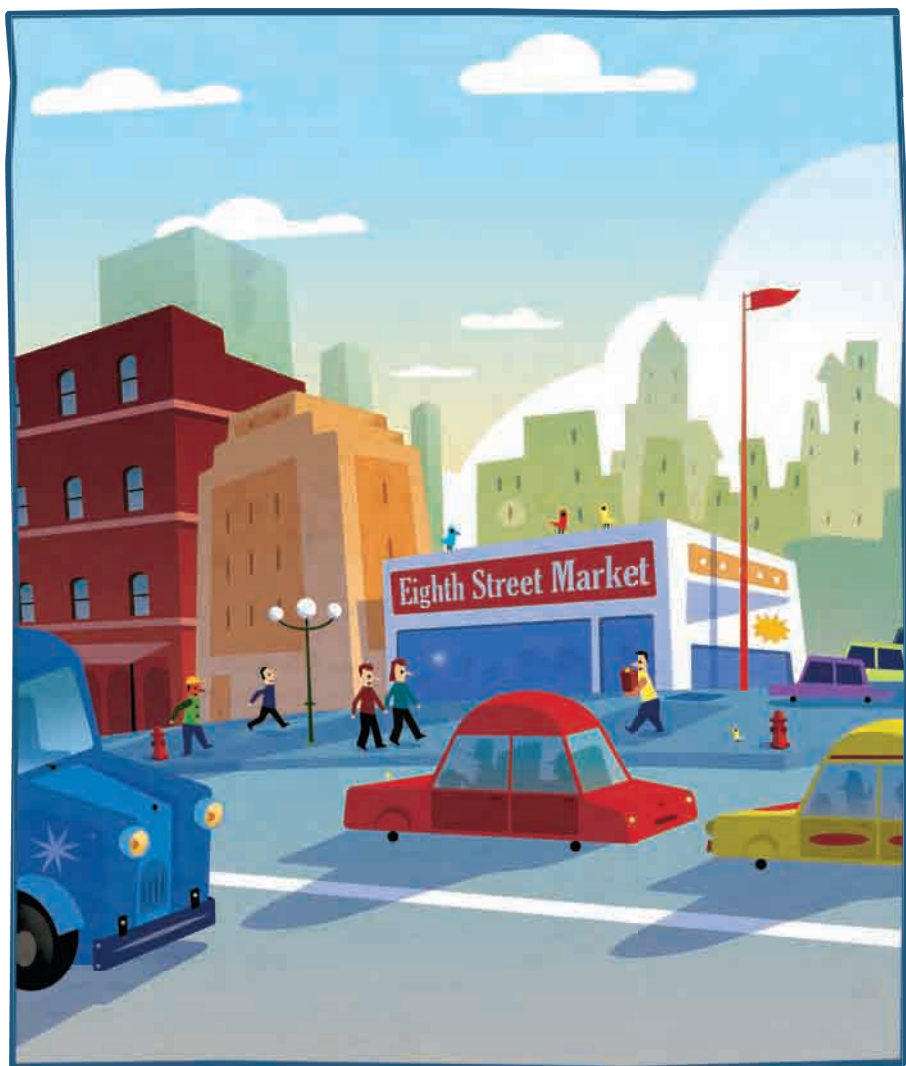
Can you see the man in the window of this house? He lives inside it. The man drives the big truck that is parked in front. He hauls freight from Great Bay to nearby towns. The freight weighs a lot. That is why he needs such a big truck.



This building is called Great Bay Place. Lots of families live inside it. It is fun to have so many neighbors inside the building you live in. It is like having a whole neighborhood inside your home!



All the neighbors on Eighth Street shop at this store. It sells lots of things. It is nice having a store right in your neighborhood. People do not have to go far to get things that they need.



Now you have seen Eighth Street.  
Come back for a visit. You will like this  
neighborhood. It is a great place to live!



# Obey Miss Muffet

by Lee S. Justice  
illustrated by Liz Conrad





Grandmom was reading to Liz. *“Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,”* Grandmom began.

“What is a tuffet?” asked Liz.

“It is a short stool to sit on,” replied Grandmom. Then she started over.

*“Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey.”*

“What are curds and whey?” asked Liz.

“Curds are lumps in milk,” replied Grandmom. “Whey is the milk that is not lumpy.”

Grandmom started again.

*“Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey.*

*There came a spider  
Who sat down beside her  
And frightened Miss Muffet away.”*

“Spiders do not scare me,” said Liz.

“But they did scare Little Miss Muffet,”  
Grandmom reminded her.





“I have an idea,” said Grandmom. “We can write what you would have done if you were Miss Muffet.”

“OK,” said Liz. Then they wrote their own verses.





“Listen to this verse,” said Liz.

*“Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey.  
A spider came near,  
But the girl had no fear.  
She was not its kind of prey.”*



“Listen to this verse,” said Liz.

*“Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey.*

*When a spider came, too,*

*Miss Muffet yelled, ‘Shoo!’*

*And the spider was quick to obey.”*



“Listen to this verse,” said Liz.

*“Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey.*

*Three spiders spun silk.*

*‘Hey! Get out of my milk!’*

*Miss Muffet pushed them away.”*





Grandmom and Liz gathered the pages.  
Then they made a book with them.

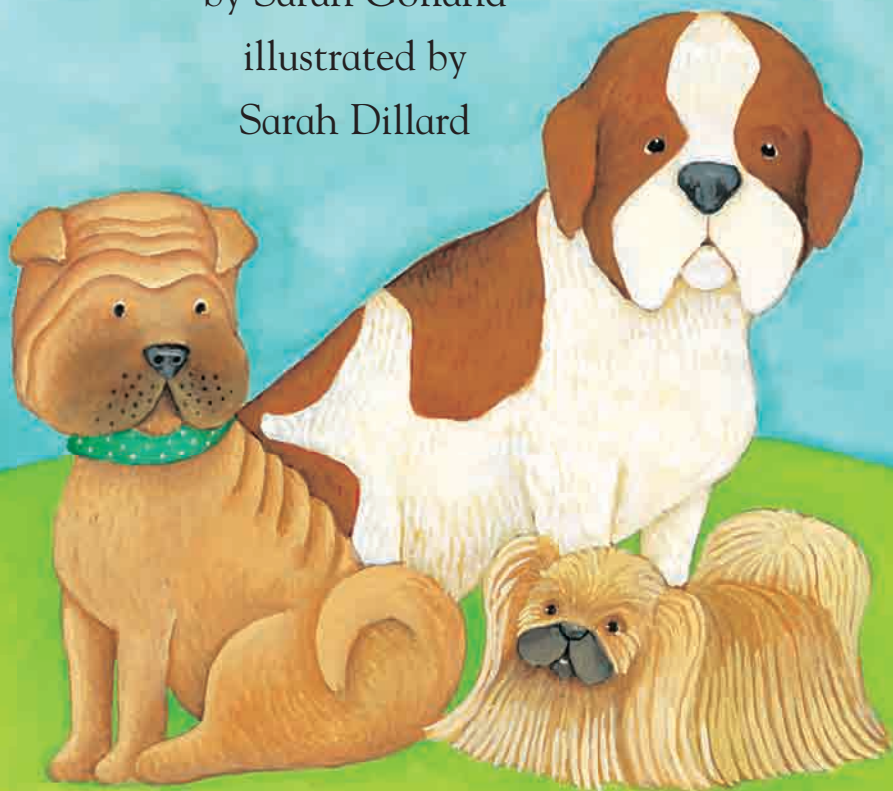
"I know a good title," said Liz. "We can call  
it *Obey Miss Muffet*."

# Greyhounds and More

by Sarah Golland

illustrated by

Sarah Dillard



All dogs do not look or act the same. Dogs can be huge or tiny. They can be furry or hairless. They can have long faces or flat faces. There are hundreds of kinds of dogs.







Way back in the past, people began using dogs to help them do things. Hunters used a kind of dog to help them chase large animals. This dog is called a Greyhound. It has a slim waist and strong legs. Greyhounds are very fast. They are known for their great speed.



Other kinds of hounds also helped hunters by chasing prey. Greyhounds use sight to chase prey. Other hounds, such as Beagles, use their noses for hunting. They sniff the ground to help them find out where prey has run or is hiding.



Herding dogs help people by taking care of sheep, goats, and cattle. Herding dogs are trained to obey commands from herders. These dogs keep herds and flocks together. They also protect them from wild animals hunting for prey.





Dogs help us in many ways. Some kinds of dogs are trained to haul heavy loads. Other kinds obey commands to rescue people from harm.

More than two thousand years ago, people began keeping Maltese dogs as pets. The tiny and gentle Maltese is called a toy dog. Toy dogs are pets. The biggest toy dog is a Pug. It weighs less than twenty pounds.





All kinds of dogs can be pets, even if they also hunt, herd, or do other work. Pet dogs can all look many ways, but they are all the same in one way. They are always good friends.



# Lucy, the Great Big Great Dane

Word Count: 271

## High-Frequency Words

are  
lose  
my  
of  
pulled  
said  
through  
to  
trying  
wanted  
was

## Decodable Words\*

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| a                  | <b>eighty</b> |
| all                | five          |
| am                 | food          |
| and                | for           |
| around             | four          |
| as                 | girl          |
| back               | gobbled       |
| bad                | got           |
| barked             | Granddad      |
| before             | <b>great</b>  |
| beginning          | had           |
| better             | he            |
| big                | her           |
| bit                | hitched       |
| <b>Breakstones</b> | home          |
| but                | I             |
| cannot             | in            |
| Dane               | is            |
| day                | it            |
| days               | Jason         |
| dish               | just          |
| dog                | kept          |
| dropped            | kids          |
| eat                | later         |
| <b>eight</b>       | let           |

*\*Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

*(continued)*

### Decodable Words\*

|                     |               |               |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| like                | playing       | turn          |
| lively              | pounds        | up            |
| look                | replied       | used          |
| looked              | rest          | walked        |
| lost                | right         | weeks         |
| Lucy                | sat           | <b>weighs</b> |
| maybe               | saw           | <b>weight</b> |
| me                  | seems         | when          |
| meant               | she           | will          |
| Mom                 | shouted       | with          |
| more                | show          | worn          |
| morning             | sleep         | would         |
| much                | <b>sleigh</b> | years         |
| named               | small         | you           |
| napping             | snorted       |               |
| needs               | snowed        |               |
| <b>neighborhood</b> | started       |               |
| <b>neighbors</b>    | still         |               |
| next                | stopped       |               |
| night               | talk          |               |
| not                 | than          |               |
| now                 | that          |               |
| old                 | the           |               |
| out                 | then          |               |
| play                | too           |               |

*\*Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

# Eighth Street

Word Count: 286

## High-Frequency Words

building  
buildings  
come  
do  
families  
front  
have  
having  
live  
lives  
many  
nearby  
of  
one  
other  
people  
they  
to  
why

## Decodable Words\*

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| a              | girl         |
| all            | go           |
| and            | <b>great</b> |
| at             | grill        |
| back           | has          |
| bay            | hauls        |
| big            | he           |
| Brown's        | him          |
| called         | home         |
| can            | house        |
| dog            | in           |
| down           | inside       |
| drives         | is           |
| eat            | it           |
| <b>eight</b>   | Jake         |
| <b>eighth</b>  | join         |
| far            | like         |
| first          | line         |
| food           | lot          |
| for            | lots         |
| four           | man          |
| <b>freight</b> | market       |
| from           | named        |
| fun            | need         |
| get            | needs        |

*\*Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

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### **Decodable Words\***

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| <b>neighbors</b> | things        |
| next             | this          |
| nice             | tour          |
| not              | town          |
| now              | towns         |
| on               | truck         |
| parked           | us            |
| petting          | visit         |
| place            | walks         |
| right            | <b>weighs</b> |
| see              | when          |
| seen             | whole         |
| sells            | will          |
| shop             | window        |
| side             | you           |
| sizzling         | your          |
| so               |               |
| stay             |               |
| <b>steak</b>     |               |
| <b>steaks</b>    |               |
| store            |               |
| street           |               |
| such             |               |
| that             |               |
| the              |               |

*\*Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

# Obey Miss Muffet

Word Count: 280

## High-Frequency Words

again  
are  
do  
done  
have  
idea  
listen  
mother  
my  
of  
pushed  
said  
their  
there  
to  
was  
were  
what  
who

## Decodable Words\*

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| a          | her         |
| an         | <b>hey</b>  |
| and        | I           |
| asked      | if          |
| away       | in          |
| began      | is          |
| beside     | it          |
| book       | its         |
| but        | kind        |
| call       | know        |
| came       | little      |
| can        | Liz         |
| curds      | lumps       |
| did        | lumpy       |
| down       | made        |
| eating     | me          |
| fear       | milk        |
| frightened | Miss        |
| gathered   | Muffet      |
| get        | near        |
| girl       | no          |
| good       | not         |
| goose      | <b>obey</b> |
| Grandmom   | OK          |
| had        | on          |

*\*Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*



*(continued)*

**Decodable Words\***

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| out         | then        |
| over        | <b>they</b> |
| own         | this        |
| pages       | three       |
| <b>prey</b> | title       |
| quick       | too         |
| reading     | tuffet      |
| reminded    | verse       |
| replied     | verses      |
| sat         | we          |
| scare       | when        |
| she         | <b>why</b>  |
| shoo        | with        |
| short       | would       |
| silk        | write       |
| sit         | wrote       |
| spider      | yelled      |
| spiders     | you         |
| spun        |             |
| started     |             |
| stool       |             |
| tales       |             |
| that        |             |
| the         |             |
| them        |             |

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# Greyhounds and More

Word Count: 273

## High-Frequency Words

animals  
are  
by  
do  
friends  
have  
many  
of  
one  
other  
people  
some  
their  
there  
to  
together  
two  
where  
work

## Decodable Words\*

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| a        | fast              |
| act      | find              |
| ago      | flat              |
| all      | flocks            |
| also     | for               |
| always   | from              |
| and      | furry             |
| as       | gentle            |
| back     | goats             |
| be       | good              |
| Beagles  | great             |
| began    | <b>Greyhound</b>  |
| biggest  | <b>Greyhounds</b> |
| but      | ground            |
| called   | hairless          |
| can      | harm              |
| care     | has               |
| cattle   | haul              |
| chase    | heavy             |
| chasing  | help              |
| commands | helped            |
| dog      | herd              |
| dogs     | herders           |
| even     | herding           |
| faces    | herds             |

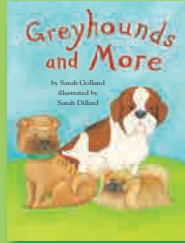
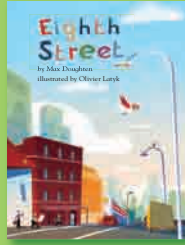
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### **Decodable Words\***

|          |             |             |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| hiding   | not         | these       |
| hounds   | <b>obey</b> | <b>they</b> |
| huge     | or          | things      |
| hundreds | out         | this        |
| hunt     | past        | thousand    |
| hunters  | pet         | tiny        |
| hunting  | pets        | toy         |
| if       | pounds      | trained     |
| in       | <b>prey</b> | twenty      |
| is       | protect     | us          |
| it       | Pug         | use         |
| keep     | rescue      | used        |
| keeping  | run         | using       |
| kind     | same        | very        |
| kinds    | sheep       | waist       |
| known    | sight       | way         |
| large    | slim        | ways        |
| legs     | sniff       | weighs      |
| less     | speed       | wild        |
| loads    | strong      | years       |
| long     | such        |             |
| look     | taking      |             |
| Maltese  | than        |             |
| more     | the         |             |
| noses    | them        |             |

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